

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 241044

64

ORIGIN ST-01

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /002 R

66617

DRAFTED BY: OPR/ST/T:HTMCCABE

APPROVED BY: OPR/ST/T:HTMCCABE

----- 093196

R 012306Z NOV 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO CLAIMS OFFICER UNITED SERVICE AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION SAN ANTONIO TEXAS 78288

UNCLAS STATE 241044

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY BEIRUT
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC AND EMBASSY PARIS DATED OCT 31.

QUOTE

UNCLAS BEIRUT 13059

DEPT FOR OPR/ST/FIGURA FROM MILLS AND A/SY

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: ATRN, ASEC, AFSP

SUBJECT: REPORT ON GENERAL AVERAGE DECLARATION INVOLVING
HHE, PAUL M. GLENN

1. IN CONNECTION TRANSFER PAUL M. GLENN FROM PRETORIA TO BEIRUT,
TWO LIFT VANS, TOTALLING 2500 KILOS GROSS, SHIPPED FROM DURBAN TO
ATHENS FOR TRANS-SHIPMENT BEIRUT. DURING SHIPMENT PIRAEUS TO
BEIRUT SHIP LISTED AND DECK CARGO WAS JETTISONED. ALTHOUGH BILL
OF LADING STATED GLENN CARGO PACKED BELOW DECK BOTH VANS WERE,
IN FACT, ON DECK AND, EXCEPT FOR FEW LOOSE PIECES SALVAGED, ENTIRE
SHIPMENT WENT OVERBOARD. GENERAL AVERAGE LOSS NOW DECLARED
ON CARGO AND EACH CONSIGNEE ASSESSED 18 PERCENT VALUE OF HIS
CARGO WHICH, IN GLENN'S CASE, MEANS THAT HE OWES SHIPPER
APPROXIMATELY \$2500.00. HOWEVER, DUE TO TECHNICALITY THAT
BILL OF LADING STATED CARGO BELOW DECK, GLENN INFORMED THAT HE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 241044

NOT ELIGIBLE TO SHARE IN SETTLEMENT EVEN THOUGH HE OBLIGATED FOR

ABOVE ASSESSMENT. FURTHER, SURVEYING AGENT REFUSES RELEASE THE FEW REMAINING PIECES OF SHIPMENT UNTIL ASSESSMENT IS PAID IN CASH. DUE RARITY GENERAL AVERAGE LOSSES WE WISH INFORM YOU IN DETAIL OF EVENTS TO DATE FOR YOUR REVIEW AND ADVICE.

2. OM FROM ATHENS, DATED 7 OCTOBER 1974, TRANSMITTING BILL OF LADING NUMBER 182, ISSUED BY ADAMAR SHIPPING COMPANY LTD, INDICATED GLENN CARGO SHIPPED BELOW DECKS TO BEIRUT FROM PIRAEUS ABOARD SS EVANGELISTRIA. SUBSEQUENTLY, SHIPPING AGENT BEIRUT INFORMED EMBASSY THAT EVANGELISTRIA HAD CANCELLED VOYAGE TO BEIRUT. EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY QUERIED EMBASSY ATHENS BY TELEGRAM TO LEARN STATUS OF SHIPMENT.

3. TO DATE NO REPLY RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY ATHENS BUT ON 24 OCT SHIPPING AGENT BEIRUT INFORMED EMBASSY THAT TWO DAMAGED QUOTE CASES UNQUOTE OF HHE FOR PAUL M. GLENN HAD ARRIVED BEIRUT PORT ABOARD GREEK VESSEL SS SEA CALM ON 21 OCTOBER AND THAT OWNERS HAD DECLARED GENERAL AVERAGE LOSS.

4. ON 26 OCTOBER MR. GLENN AND GSO EMPLOYEE VISITED PORT TO INSPECT SHIPMENT, WHICH CONSISTED OF ONE WOODEN BOX MEASURING INCHES 32 BY 60 AND ONE PILE LOOSE GOODS SOMEWHAT SMALLER BANDED TOGETHER. GLENN NOT PERMITTED TO OPEN PACKETS TO DETERMINE CONTENTS OR DAMAGE.

5. ON SAME DATE MR. GLENN AND GSO REPRESENTATIVE MET WITH RICHARD J. SROUR, MANAGING DIRECTOR ELLIS AND BUCKLE, CHARTERED LOSS ADJUSTERS AND SURVEYORS, 409 PORT BLDG, BEIRUT, ACTING ON BEHALF SHIP OWNER, LATTER BEING GREEK NATIONAL RESIDING IN PIRAEUS. SROUR EXPLAINED GENERAL AVERAGE LOSS AND SET CONTRIBUTION AT 18 PERCENT DECLARED VALUE ORIGINAL CARGO, AS NOTED ABOVE, STATING THAT RELEASE OF FEW ITEMS WHICH REACHED BEIRUT CONTINGENT UPON PRIOR CASH PAYMENT BY GLENN. HE STATED THAT MASTER OF VESSEL HAD REPORTED JETTISONING DECK CARGO AFTER SHIP LISTED MORE THAN TWENTYTWO DEGREES, THAT MASTER HAD AFFIRMED THAT GLENN LIFT VANS LOADED ON DECK IN CLEAN CONDITION AND THAT FEW REMAINING PIECES HAD BEEN SALVAGED FROM ONE OF VANS AS IT WAS JETTISONED. SROUR STATED, UNOFFICIALLY, THAT ONLY RECOURSE FOR GLENN IS TO PROCEED AGAINST OWNER OF VESSEL SINCE BILL OF LADING SPECIFIED VANS WERE STOWED BELOW DECK ALTHOUGH, IN REALITY, THEY WERE NOT. HE STATE IT IMPOSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 241044

TO PROVIDE GLENN WITH ANY DOCUMENTATION FOR GLENN'S INSURANCE COMPANY SINCE HE IS WORKING FOR OWNER. HE URGED THAT INSURANCE COMPANY DESIGNATE AGENT IN BEIRUT TO HANDLE CASE.

6. GLENN HAS NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE CLAIMS OFFICER AT UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, 78288, TELEPHONE 512-824-9011 PAREN MR. RALPH SCRIBER PAREN AND HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM USAA AFFIRMING THAT HE COVERED FOR GENERAL AVERAGE

PAYMENT BUT SROUR REFUSED TO ACCEPT TELEGRAM IN LIEU OF CASH.
GLENN UNWILLING ADVANCE CASH UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. HIS POLICY
NUMBER WITH USAA IS 230761-52.

7. ALTHOUGH DETAILED INVENTORY, EXCEPT FOR ITEMS UNUSUAL VALUE,
NOT PREPARED AT TIME OF SHIPMENT, GLENN HAS COMPLETED INVENTORY
OF MOST ITEMS WHICH APPEARS TO TOTAL DOLLARS 13 TO 14 THOUSAND AT
REPLACEMENT VALUE. ALL WINTER CLOTHING WAS IN LOST SHIPMENT AND
SOME HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS ALSO NEEDED BADLY. POOR QUALITY AND
EXTREMELY HIGH PRICES PREVAILING IN BEIRUT MAY REQUIRE TRAVEL
ELSWHERE TO BUY CLOTHING, SOME APPLIANCES.

8. EMBASSY INTENDS CONTINUE WORKING WITH STEAMSHIP AGENT AND
SURVEYOR TO PROTECT MR. GLENN'S RIGHTS BUT HIGHLY INVOLVED MARI-
TIME LAW PROCEDURE, AS INTERPRETED IN LEBANON, MOST DIFFICULT TO
MANAGE. EMBASSY THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE GREATLY OPR/ST REVIEW-
ING ABOVE CAREFULLY AND PROVIDING TELEGRAPHIC GUIDANCE ON HOW TO
PROCEED. EMBASSY AWARE OF FAM PROVISION FOR INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS
BUT CONSIDERS FIRST PRIORITY TO EFFECT RELEASE OF WHATEVER GOODS
REMAIN TO ALLEVIATE FINANCIAL BURDEN TO MR. GLENN.

9. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE ASSISTANCE FROM GLENN'S INSURANCE
COMPANY, REQUEST YOU RETRANSMIT THIS TELEGRAM TO USAA AT SAN
ANTONIO.
GODLEY UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE241044
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: OPR/ST/T:HTMCCABE
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740315-0163
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741177/aaaacnwj.tel
Line Count: 140
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN ST
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 NOV 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 NOV 2002 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <27 NOV 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REPORT ON GENERAL AVERAGE DECLARATION INVOLVING HHE, PAUL M. GLENN
TAGS: ATRN, ASEC, AFSP, (GLENN, PAUL M)
To: CLAIMS OFFICER USAA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005